CHINESE NOBILITY

Distinction Conferred by the Yellow Jacket and Peacock Feathers.

HOW LI HUNG CHANG BECAME A DUKE

The Chinese Buttons and What They Mean.

HOW THE NOBLES DRESS



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one of the generals, who were acting against the rebels in the famous Talping rebellion. This war occurred in China about the time Franklin Pierce was Presi-lent. It cost the country 10,000,000 of lives, and it was largely through Li that it was put down. Li Hung Chang is a dip-



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personal attendance upon the emperor in the field or upon journeys. It is a sort of a riding cape, and it has been awarded to two Europeans, one of whom was Gen Gerdon and the other a Frenchman named Giquel, who established the arsenal at Foo Chow. Li Hung Chang has been getting all sorts of presents from the emperor right along. I have before me a list of the gifts which he received on his seventieth birthday. This was about five years ago, and all the officials gave him presents. He had cartloads of silk, a ton or so of gilt scrolls and jewelry and other stuff valued at more than a million of dollars. Both the emperor and empress dowager sent him valuable presents. The emperor gave him sixteen pieces of costly sating the control of autograph proverbs and the good with the angelon of the cost of subject of autograph, proverbs also wrote him a lot of autographs, and gave him a statue of Buddha. She donated him twelve pieces of satin and a robe which was made of the throat skins of sables, which are in China considered the most valuable of all furs and can only





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These official caps or hats fit close to the head, and have brims which are turned up all around, and extend as high up as the beaver, and they the colon and runs out to the edges of all of heads are of black beaver, and they had be covered with a red slik tassel, which will be a the button and runs out to the edges of all of hela's must be very long and come down over the hands, and whenever the nobles and officials call on the emperor they must not have their sleeves rolled up. The idea is that no man can fight well with his arms enveloped in bags, and a would-be assassin, when he is compelled to come in upon his knees and have his sleeves extending for a foot beyond his hands, would require some time to prepare for action.

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The laws provide that certain colors shall not be worn by examine people, and only the highest nobles and the emperor can wear dresses embroidered with the five-clawed dragon. A great many of the officials have their gowns embroidered with dragons, and you can tell the rank of a man by the number of gold dragons has on his gown, but these dragons must be four-clawed dragons and not five. The laws regulate the length of the gowns. They state how the sleeves must be cut and the number of buttons that an official must use on his underclothes. Their cuffs must be cut in the shape of a horse's hoof, and the man who understands the Chinese can tell just how high an official is and what he is by his clothes. Every high noble ard many of the officials as well wears a square of embroidery on his breast it.

Umbrellas on the Battle Field.

One of the funniest things in the eyes of the foreigners during this war has been the fact that the Chinese generals carried um-brellas and fans when they went into bat-tle. This is also a matter of law. Each



"Brown, Payter!" the master shouted. Peter Brown stepped forth tremblingly." "Phat is the pleyrid of the wurrud 'fut'" "Peter had no knowledge of any such word as "fut," but he answered at random: "Futs!" "Wrong ye aire!" thundered the master. The plyural of 'fut' is 'fate.' Sit down. Binder opp?" "A lake is a large body of water." "A lake is a large body of water." "A lake is a large body of water." "Blockheads ye all aire the day!" shouted the master, angrily; "sure then wuddent yer own-sins till ye that a 'lake' is a hole in a booket o' wather? Nixt b'y—Dooly, Moichael!" Michael Dooly stepped up with a confident and somewhat roguish gleam in his gray eyes. He was the son of a recent settler of the schoolmaster's nationality. The master quickly perceived the knowing look in the boy's eye. "An' whoy do ye lu, at me wud the carrace o' yer of booly Moichael!" he exclaimmer o' yer of hooly moith the should be hough be tried to suppress it by keeping his lips shut together very tightly infideed.

"Faix, ye shall have ut!" said the school-master. "Spill and defoine me bhfeiteamhnuibh."

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"Cotogenarian Amusements in Maine. From the Lewiston Journal.

PIRATE TREASURE

CAPTAIN : AVERY AND THE GREAT MOGUL'S SHIP.

BY HOWARD PYLE.

that afterward poured such a flood ith into the western world. Already

history that it was enormous.

All that day the pirates were busy stripping their prize and making merry with rich food and wines. Then when evening deame they sailed away, yelling and cheering over their booty like madmen, leaving the Great Mogul's ship floating upon the water, stripped of her inestimable treasure, helpless and silent.

The pirate fleet was composed mostly of small sloops and brigantines. Capt. Averl's and sloops and brigantines. Capt. Averl's and sloops and brigantines. Capt. Averl's and state which they had captured was put aboard his ship.

People talk of hönor among thieves. If there is such a thing Capt. Avery did not have any of it. That night when the fleet was all salling toward Madagascar, there to share their botty according to agreement, avery gave orders to change the course of "The Duke," and when morning broke the other pirites found that the captain and all the inestimable spone, never to head they had pist capt. Nything was there but they had pist capt. Nything was there but here are the content of the second of the stripping of the figure of Avery. We know thit he came in his ship and his pirate crew to Boston, in the Americas, where for a while he and his men were seen about the streets and the harbor front; strange, suspicious figures, now and, then tuppling and drinking in the was a made of the streets and the harbor front; strange, suspicious figures, now and, then tuppling and drinking in the wars and say where for a while he and his men were seen about the streets and the harbor front; strange, suspicious figures, now and, then tuppling and drinking in the captain had, shung about his neck, a little leathern bag in which was a treasure of glistening, shining, precious stonesdiamonds, rubles, emeralds—enough for a king's ransom.

The historian of this famous pirate says that he designed to sell his treasure and perhags to settle in Boston, but that there was anbody in that the designed to sell his treasure and perhags to settle in Boston, but that there was an obody in th

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The Obstinate Juror Vindicated.
From the Lewiston Journal.

A standing joke around the Maine courts is the juror who stands out and refuses to agree with the eleven obstinate men who don't think as he does. Judges are not spi to take kindly to this style of man, and have been-known on occasion to give him a terrible snubbing. "There is still living in this city," says a Bangor genetieman who thinks jurors have rights of opinion as well as judges, "a man who is very proud of a little experience had as a juror. It was in Judge Cuttinn's man who is very proud of a little experience had as a juror. It was in Judge Cuttinn's and a surface, and failed to agree because this particular juror stood out against the arguments and solicitations of his fellows, and declared he would stay there till the ants ate him up and carried out his remains through the key-hole before he would consent to what he believed to be an unjust verdict. Judge Cutting asked how they stood, and the foreman replied, 'Eleven to one, your honor.' Who is the one? asked the judge, areas and resident the stand up. The juror areas and resident town the foreman replied, 'Eleven to one, your honor.' Who is the one? asked the judge, areas and resident the stand up. The juror areas and resident and up. The juror areas and resident in accordance with the views of the one juror. It was then taken to the law court on motion for a new trial and was upheld by the full bench as manifestly right. The man says whenever he thinks of that case, he thanks too he dight, and take the rebuke a mistaken judge gave him for so doing.' This we man against the eleven is not a mistaken judge gave him for so doing.' This we man against the eleven is not a mistaken judge gave him for so doing.'

A Difference.

From Judge.

Police Captain (severely)—"You say that, as you were going home from your club, an hour or so ago, you were held up and robbed?"

Gen. Booze (indignantly)—"Nossing of th' kin'! I say I was stopped an' robbed. I want you to understan' I could stan' up without assistance."

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AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER CITIES. low the City of Glasgow Got Street

"Idiots ain't responsible, are they?"
"No. But you are not an idiot."
"Ain't I? Well, I guess you don't k

"You don't talk like one."
"And I don't look like of

A Woman With a History







